

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended) A desktop file organizer, comprising:

a plate including a first side and a second side, the plate further including a top side and a bottom side;

a vane having a first end and a second end opposite the first end, the vane being attached at the first end to the plate;

a band attached to the plate on the first side; and

a catch on the plate on the second side which can releasably engage the band;

wherein the vane is releasably securable against the plate by disposing the band across the vane and releasably disposing the band on the catch;

wherein the first end of the vane includes a tab and a tongue each extending in a direction away from the second end, the tab extending farther from the second end than the tongue;

wherein the tab of the vane extends through a slot in the plate from the top side to the bottom side and is attached to the plate on the bottom side; and

wherein the tongue bears against the top side of the plate to restrict rotation of the vane relative to the plate.

6. (previously presented) The organizer of claim 5, wherein the vane is flexible.

7. (previously presented) A desktop file organizer, comprising:

a plate;

a plurality of vanes, each vane being attached at a respective first end to the plate, the plate including a first side and a second side, the first side being separated from the second side by the plurality of vanes;

a band attached to the plate through a hole in the plate; and

a catch on the plate on the second side;

wherein the vanes are securable against the plate by disposing the band across the vanes and on the catch;

the plate further including an opening with an inner edge, the catch comprising notches disposed in the inner edge of the opening.

8. (previously presented) The organizer of claim 7, the band further including two ends, the vanes being in between the ends of the band and the opening in the plate.

9. (original) The organizer of claim 8, the band being elastic, wherein the catch is configured to engage the elastic band such that when the elastic band is disposed over the catch, the elastic band remains in a stretched configuration over the plurality of vanes.

10. (original) The organizer of claim 9, wherein the portion of the elastic band disposed on the catch is reinforced with a stiff material.

11. (original) The organizer of claim 10, wherein the elastic band is reinforced with a metal tube.

12. (currently amended) A desktop file organizer, comprising:

a plate;

a plurality of vanes, each vane being attached to the plate;

a band attached to the plate; and

a catch on the plate;

wherein the vanes are securable against the plate by disposing the band across the vanes and on the catch;

wherein the plate includes at least one slot extending through the plate for each vane;

wherein each vane includes at least one tab and at least one tongue, each tab and tongue extending in a direction away from the one end of the plate, and each tab extending through a respective slot in the plate, the at least one tab extending farther from the one end of the plate than the at least one tongue.

13. (previously presented) The organizer of claim 12, wherein each tongue is configured to resist rotation about the slots.

14. (original) The organizer of claim 13, wherein each vane has at least one tab on one end configured to be inserted into the at least one slot.

15. (original) The organizer of claim 14, further including a plurality of slots on the plate along the length of the plate.

16. (original) The organizer of claim 14, wherein the plurality of slots are spaced at approximately one inch intervals.

17. (original) The organizer of claim 14, wherein each vane has two tabs.

18. (currently amended) A filing system comprising:

a plate with a first end and a second end, the plate further including a top side and a bottom side;

a plurality of slots disposed in the plate;

a plurality of vanes, each vane including a tab and a tongue each extending in a direction away from the second end of the plate, the tab extending farther from the second end of the plate than the tongue, the tab ~~of each vane~~ being disposed within a corresponding slot, the vanes being disposed between the first end and the second end of the plate, the tongue bearing on the top side of the plate to inhibit rotation of the respective vane; and
a band connected to the plate and extendable over the plurality of vanes.

19. (previously presented) The filing system of claim 18,

wherein the band has two ends, the two ends of the band being disposed in a pair of holes in the plate and an opening in the plate opposite the pair of holes includes a catch, the band being adapted to be disposed over the catch in the opening to constrain the plurality of vanes against each other and the plate.

20. (original) The filing system of claim 19, wherein the band is elastic.

21. (previously presented) The filing system of claim 18, wherein the tongue is adapted to constrain the vane against rotation.

22-23. (canceled).

24. (currently amended) A desktop filing organizer, comprising:
a plate;
a vane extending from the plate for securing a file to the plate;
a band attached to the plate at one end through a hole in the plate and disposable across the vane and file; and
a catch disposed on the plate and configured to releasably engage the band when the band is disposed across the vane to releasably secure the vane relative to the plate; and
a handle comprising an opening extending through the plate,
wherein the catch comprises notches disposed in an inner edge of the opening.

25-26. (canceled).

27. (currently amended) A file organizer and carrying case, comprising:
a plate with a first end and a second end, and a handle disposed in the first end; and
a plurality of vanes each attached at one end to the plate and adapted to store at least one file in between each vane such that the organizer may be disposed in a first location in a file organizing position in which the organizer is placed in a horizontal position on top of a work space, and a vertical carrying position in which the organizer is adapted to be carried via the handle to a second location; and

means for securing the vanes and the file to the plate, the means being attached to the plate through a hole in the plate;

wherein the handle includes a section of the plate extending outwardly from the plurality of vanes and further includes an opening in the plate, and the means for securing the vanes and the files to the plate includes a catch comprising notches disposed in an inner edge of the opening.

28. (canceled).

29. (previously presented) The organizer of claim 27, the means comprising a band attached at the second end of the plate and hooked over a catch in the handle.

30. (previously presented) The organizer of claim 27, the plate including a first portion and a second portion separated from the first portion by a fold line, the means including the second section when folded over the first section.

31-33. (canceled).